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Application Number	10/714,248
Filing Date	November 13, 2003
First Named Inventor	George W. Hager
Group/Art Unit	3654
Examiner Name	Eric E. Ploo
Attorney Docket No.	132702-0129

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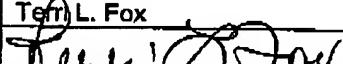
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

- 20 or HP = x =

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)

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